

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 28 have been allowed; claims 10-27 and 29-30 were canceled. Only allowed claims remain in the application.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Yanchus for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives during the December 14, 2005 telephone interview. During the interview, the differences between the prior art and the presently claimed invention were discussed. Examiner Yanchus indicating he would consider the issues argued by the applicants.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

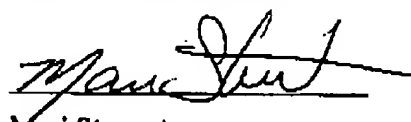
Applicants thank Examiner Yanchus for indicating claims 1-5, 7-9, and 28 are allowable. Claims 10-27 and 29-30 are canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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